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1. ONLY JORDANIAN PRESS COVERAGE THUS FAR ON ALLEGED JORDANIAN-ISRAELI CONTACTS ON DISENGAGEMENT ISSUE CONSISTS OF A BRIEF OFFICIAL DENIAL APPEARING IN JAN 31 ISSUE OF LITTLE-READ WEEKLY AKHAAR AL USBUA. ARTICLE REPORTS THAT HEAD OF ROYAL DIWAN BAHJAT AL TALHOUNI STATED THAT PRESENT RUMORES ARE INCORRECT WHICH ALLEGE THAT A MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN JORDANIAN AND ISRAETI MILITARY OFFICERS ON THE CEASE FIRE LINE CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO THE RECENT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGRDEMENT. IN SAME STATEMENT, TALHOUNI ASSERTED STRONG JORDANIAN ADHERENCE TO "ARABISM OF JERUSALEM" AND EXPRESSED HIS OPTI-
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2. COMMENT: THERE IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF AMONG JORDANIAN PUBLIC THAT JORDAN-ISRAEL CONTACTS ARE TAKING PLACE. ALTHOUGH GOJ IS NOW ON RECORD AS DENYING CONTACTS, PUBLICATIONS IN INSIGNIFICANT WEEKLY LIKE AKHBAR AL USBUA WILL HARDLY DISPEL CURRENT RUMORS.
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